## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-10106JLT

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ZHANNA CHIZHIK,	)
Administratrix of the Estate	)
of Grigory Chizhik,	)
Plaintiff	)
	)
v.	)
	)
SEA HUNT BOATS, INC.,	)
TROPICLAND MARINE	)
AND TACKLE, INC., and	)
GREGORY ZILBERMAN,	)
Defendants.	)
	)

## DEFENDANT SEA HUNT BOATS, INC.'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SERVE INTERROGATORIES ON PLAINTIFF

Defendant Sea Hunt Boats, Inc. ("Sea Hunt Boats") hereby respectfully moves the Court to grant it leave to serve 5 interrogatories on the Plaintiff which, if answered by the Plaintiff, will enable the Defendant to determine the Plaintiff's theory of liability in this product liability matter. As grounds for this motion the Defendant states that neither the Complaint nor the Automatic Disclosure provided by the Plaintiff disclose the Plaintiff's theory of product defect to the Defendant, and absent disclosure of the Plaintiff's theory of product defect, the Defendants will be unfairly hindered in their defense preparation. Reason and fairness require that the Defendants be permitted to know the Plaintiff's theory of liability with sufficient clarity to reasonably prepare their defense to the Plaintiff's claim. Without knowledge of the Plaintiff's theory of liability and specification of the alleged product defect, the Defendants are left to guess at what faults the Plaintiff may allege and to needlessly spend considerable time and resources preparing defenses to claims of defect which may never be asserted. Moreover, the five (5) interrogatories requested in

this motion, appended hereto as "Exhibit A", are few in number and would not cause a substantial hardship to the Plaintiff to answer.

The present lawsuit alleges that Sea Hunt Boats, Inc. and others are liable for the death of the Plaintiff's decedent when a fishing boat in which he was a passenger allegedly capsized in Boston Harbor on May 25, 2003. The Plaintiff's decedent was a passenger in a Navigator 22 fishing boat allegedly manufactured by Sea Hunt Boats and owned by Defendant Gregory Zilberman. Defendant Tropicland Marine and Tackle was in intermediate seller of the Navigator 22. The Complaint alleges, in summary fashion, that "the Navigator 22 was and is defective and unreasonably dangerous in the following ways: it had a defective design, was defectively manufactured, Sea Hunt failed to warn purchasers, operators, and passengers of its risks, and failed in other respects that will be shown at trial." Complaint, Paragraphs 16, 21. Automatic disclosure made by the Plaintiff does not disclose the defects alleged in the Navigator 22's manufacture or design, the "respects" in which Sea Hunt failed, nor the "risks" as to which the Defendant allegedly gave no warning. Repeated efforts made by Sea Hunt's attorney to obtain disclosure of the alleged defects and risks that the Plaintiff alleges were present in the Navigator 22 have proven fruitless.

At the Scheduling Conference on May 4, 2004, Sea Hunt requested leave of the Court to serve written discovery requests on the Plaintiff, which request was denied by the Court. To the undersigned attorney's memory, he expressed concern to the Court that Sea Hunt needed written discovery to determine the Plaintiff's theory of liability/product defect, to which the Court responded that the Plaintiff's Automatic Disclosure should make the theory of liability plain. Although the Plaintiff has made Automatic Disclosure, the Plaintiff's theory of product defect remains virtually a mystery to Sea Hunt.

In order to take full and reasonable advantage of the opportunity to conduct fact witness depositions, and to prepare its defense, Sea Hunt must know what the Plaintiff alleges was defective in the subject vessel. As the Plaintiff has thus far failed or refused to state what was wrong with the subject vessel voluntarily or as part of mandatory disclosure, Sea Hunt requests leave to serve five attached interrogatories on the Plaintiff which seek specification of the information requested.

A memorandum of law in support of this motion is filed herewith.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Sea Hunt Boats, Inc. moves this Honorable Court to allow its Motion for Leave to Serve Interrogatories on Plaintiff.

The Defendant,

Sea Hunt Boats, Inc. By Its Attorneys,

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#### **CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that on this 16th day of December, 2004, he served a copy of the foregoing document, via first class mail, upon the following:

David B. Kaplan, Esq. The Kaplan/Bond Group Boston Fish Pier West Building, Suite 304 Boston, MA 02210

David W. McGough, Esq. Marci Shyavitz, Esq. Cornell & Golub 75 Federal Street Boston, MA 02110 Lauren Motola-Davis, Esq. Philip M. Hirshberg, Esq. Morrison, Mahoney & Miller, LLP. 250 Summer Street Boston, MA 02210

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William P. Breen, Jr.

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V.

SEA HUNT BOATS, INC.,

TROPICLAND MARINE
AND TACKLE, INC., and
GREGORY ZILBERMAN,
Defendants.

#### **DEFENDANT'S INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFF**

Defendant Sea Hunt Boats, Inc. ("Sea Hunt Boats") hereby requests that Plaintiff Zhanna Chizhik respond completely and in detail, under oath, to the following interrogatories in the manner required, and in the time allowed, by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

- 1. Please identify specifically and in detail each and every product defect that you allege was present in the Navigator 22 on which your husband was a passenger on May 25, 2003 and which you further contend was a substantial factor in your husband's accident and injuries.
- 2. For each and every product defect identified in your answer to the preceding interrogatory, please state specifically and in detail all facts upon which you rely in asserting the existence of said product defect(s).
- 3. Please identify specifically and in detail all industry standards which you allege are applicable to the design and manufacture of the Navigator 22 involved in this incident and which you allege Defendant failed to follow.
- 4. If you claim that Defendant violated an express warranty, please state specifically and in detail any and all statements made by Defendant, the date of each statement, and by what mode (i.e., verbal, written, etc.) each statement was made and the manner in which each such express warranty was violated.

5. If you claim that Defendant failed to warn the decedent of any risks associated with the Navigator 22, please state specifically and in detail what risks it should have notified your husband of and how its failure to do so was a substantial factor in your husband's death.

The Defendant,

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of Grigory Chishik, 'Plaintiff

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SEA HUNT, INC., TROPICLAND MARINE AND TACKLE, INC., and GREGORY ZILBERMAN, Defendents

MAGNETHATE JUDGE DELLA

#### COMPLAINT

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This is a wrongful death action for money demages arising out of a bosting " incident when a boat capaized, causing Origory Chickis, phontiff's decedent, to suffer painful injuries and ultimately, expire.

#### JURISDICTION

. Jurisdiction for this action is appropriate under 28 U.S.C. §1333 as an admiralty or maritime matter.

#### THE PARTIES

The plaintiff, Zhanna Chirbit, resides at 141 William Kelly Street, Stoughton, MA. The brings this action in her capacity as Administratrix of the Estate of her late busband, Grigory Chizik ("Mr. Chizbik").

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- Defendant Sea Hand Boats, Inc. ("Sea Hand") is a South Caroline corporation with a usual place of business at P.O. Box 1380, Lexington, South Caroline.
- Defendant Tropicised Marine and Tackle ("Tropicised") is a Massachusetts corporation with a must place of business at 100 Bridge Street, Rts. 109, Decibera, MA.
- Defendant Gregory Zelberman ("Zilberman") is a Massachusetts resident who ranides at 9 Dexter Succes, Smughton, MA.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 7. Defendant Sea Hunt is engaged in the design and manufacture of boats, and did design, manufacture, and market for sale the boat referred to as the "Navigator 22," the boat involved in this incident.
- 6. Defendant Tropiciand is engaged in seiling boats and boat products and sold the boat Navigator 22 to Defendant Gregory Zilberman.
- On May 25, 2003, Grigory Chizhik accompanied Defendant Gregory Zilberman and their mutual friend, Amir Lashgari on Zilberman's Navigator 22, which departed from Weymonth, Massachusetts, to fish in Boston Harbor.
- 10. While fishing in Boston Harbor, the Navigator 22 captized, throwing each of the occupants—Origory Chiefrik, Gregory Zilberman, and Amir Lashgari—into the 50 degree water.
- According to Coast Guard reports, on the day the incident occurred, the sea conditions were as follows; 3-foot seas and 10-knot winds from the North-Northeast.
- None of the three occupants on the book were wearing life jackets.
- 13. As a result of the capeizing, Mr. Chizhik sustained injuries, as a result of which he

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was esused to capits. On information and belief, Mr. Chizink experienced conscious pain and suffering before expiring.

#### COUNTI

#### (Strict Liability - Defendant Sea Hunt)

- 14. Paragraphs 1-13 are adopted by reference.
- 15. Defendant See Hunt put the Newletter 22 in the stream of commerce.
- 16. The Navigator 22 was and is defective and unreasonship dangerous in the following ways: it has a defective design, was defectively manufactured. Sea Huat failed to wain purchasers, operators, and passengers of its risks, and failed in other respects that will be shown at trial.
- The aforementioned defeots in the Navigator 22 proximately caused the death of Mr. Grigory Chizhik.
- Defendant Sea Hunt is strictly liable for the damage to Plaintiff caused by the Navigator 22.

#### REQUEST FOR RELIEF

- Under Count I, that this court enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant in the amount of her damages.
- 2. For such other and further relief as this court doesns appropriate.

#### COUNT II

(Negligance - Wrongful Death- Defundant Sea Hant)

Paragraphs 1-18 are adopted by reference.

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- Defendent Sea Haint had a duty of one in the design and manufacture of the Navigator 22, and also had a duty to warm purchasers, operators, and passengers of the Navigator 22's defects.
- 21. See Heart breached that duty in numerous ways, including but not limited to the following: failing to produce a safe design for the Navigator 22's operation on coastal wanter; falling to manufacture the Navigator 22 in a sufe and proper way; falling to warn purchasers, operators, and passengers of the risks of operating the Navigator 22; and in other ways to be proved at trial.
- 22. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant See Hunt's negligence, Mr. Chirplic metalized serious personal jajuries, suffered great pain of body and mirel, and died.

#### REQUEST FOR RELIEF

- Under Count II, that this court enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant for wrongful death damages connecrated in Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 229, §2, including but not limited to compensation for the loss of reasonably expected net income, services, protection, care, assistance, society, companionable, comfort, guidance, counsel and advice of the decedent to the persons entitled to the damages recovered, the reasconable fifmeral and burdal expenses of the decedent; and such other and further demages as may be allowed by law.
- 2. For such other and further relief as this court deems appropriate.

#### COUNT U

(Negligence-Conscious Pain and Suffering - Defendant Sen Hunt)

Paragraphs 1-72 are adopted by reference.

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24. This cause of action is brought pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 229, §6 for personal injuries and conscious pain and suffering.

#### REQUEST FOR RELIEF

- Under Count III, that this court enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the
  defendant for personal injuries and conscious pain and suffering demages enumerated in
  Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 229, §6.
- 2. For such other and further relief as this court deams appropriate,

#### **COUNT IV**

(Gress Negligence-Wrongful Death-Defendant See Hunt)

- 25. Paragraphs 1-24 are adopted by reference.
- 26. The death of plaintiff's decedent was proximately caused by the willful, wanton or reakless conduct of the defendant, or by the gross negligence of the defendant.

#### REQUEST FOR RELIEF

- I. Under Count IV that this court enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant for punitive damages pursuant to Mass. Occ. Laws ch. 229, §2 in an amount not less than five thousand dollars.
- 2. For such other and further rollef as this court deams appropriate.

#### **COUNT Y**

(Breach of Express Warranty-Defendant Son Hunt)

- 27. Paragraphs 1-26 are adopted by reference.
- 28. Defendant See Hunt expressly warranted that the Novigetor 22 was fit for use on countil waters, and that it would provide quality, performance, and fishability in those waters.

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- 29. Defendant Sea Hunt breached that warranty by providing a boat that failed to perform on coastal waters and to withstand typical and reasonably foreseeable constitions un those waters.
- 30. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Son Hunt's breach of warranty, Mr. Chishik sustained serious personal injuries, suffered great pain of body and mind, and died.

#### REQUEST FOR RELIEP

- Under Count IV, that this court enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant in the amount of her allowable damages.
- For such other and further rolled as this court dooms appropriate.

#### **COUNT VI**

(Strict Liability—Defeadent Trapicland Marine and Tackle)

- 31. Puragraphs 1-30 are adopted by reference.
- 32. Defendant Trapicland was in the chain of distribution, and sold and distributed the Navigator 22.
- 33. The Navigator 22 was and is a deflective and unreasonably dangerous craft, for the reasing muzerated in Count I of this Complaint.
- 34. The aforementioned defects in the Navigator 22 proximately caused the death of Mr. Grigory Chishik.
- 35. Defendant Tropicland is strictly liable for the damage to Plaintiff caused by the Navigutor 22.

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#### REQUEST FOR RELIEF

- Under Count VI, that this court enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant in the arrower of her demages.
- For such other and further relief as this court deems appropriate.

#### COUNT VII

(Nogligence - Wrungful Death - Defendant Trapicion d Marine and Taskie)

- 36. Paragraphs 1-35 are adopted by reference.
- 37. Defendant Tropicland had a doty of core in the distribution and sale of the Navigator 22.
- 38. Trapicions breached that duty in numerous ways, including but not limited to the following: failing to warn purchasers, operators and passengers of the risks of operating the Navigator 22; and in other ways to be proved at trial.
- 39. : As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Trapicland's negligence, Mr.

  Chizhik sustained serious personal injuries, suffered great pain of body and mind, and

  it died.

#### REQUEST FOR RELIEF

1. Under Count VII, that this court enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant for wrongful death damages snumerated in Mass. Geo. Laws ch. 229, §2, including but not limited to compensation for the loss of reasonably expected net income, services, protection, care, assistance, society, companionship, comfort, guidance, counsel and advice of the decedent to the persons entitled to the damages recovered, the reasonable funeral and burial expenses of the decedent; and such other and further damages as may be allowed by law.

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For such other and further relief as this court deems appropriate.

#### COUNT VIII

(Negligence-Conscieus Pais and Suffering - Defendant Trepicland)

- Paragraphs 1-39 are adopted by reference.
- This cause of action is brought pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 229, \$6 for personal injuries and conscious pain and suffering.

#### REQUEST FOR RELIEF

- 1. Under Count VIII, that this count enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant for personal injuries and conncious pain and sufficing demages commerated in Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 229, §6.
- For such other and further reliaf as this court decres appropriate.

#### COUNT IX

(Gress Negligenco- Wrongful Death-Defendant Tropiciend)

- Paragraphs [-4] are adopted by reference. 42.
- The death of plaintiff's decedent was proximately caused by the willful, wanton or rackless conduct of the defendant, or by the gross negligence of the defendant.

#### REQUEST FOR RELIEP

- Under Count IX that this court enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant for punitive damagns pursuant to Mass. Gan. Laws ch. 229, §2 in an amount not less than five thousand dollars.
- 2. For such other and further relief as this court decens appropriate.

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#### COUNT X

(Negliguise - Wrongfitl Death - Defondant Zilherman)

- Paragraphs 1-43 are adopted by reference.
- Defendant Elibertuna had a duty to use due case in the performance of his duties as owner and captain of his vessel, the Navigator 22.
- Zilberman breathed his duties in manurous ways, including but not limited to the following: taking the reaft in dengerous waters; failing to maintain order and correct positioning of guests should the craft; failing to provide a lookout for oncoming danger; failing to observe wave and water conditions; failing to take connective action when a dangerous condition score; falling to arrange for the use of life jackets on board; failing to exercise due care, including a resous operation; and in other ways to be proved at trial. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Zilherman's cogligence, Mr. Chizinik sustained serious personal injuries, suffered great pain of body and mind, and

#### REQUEST FOR RELIEF

- Under Count X, that this court enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the 1. describing for wrongful death demoges commercial in Mars, Gen. Laws ch. 229, 52, including but not limited to compensation for the loss of reasonably expected net income, services, prosection, este, assistance, society, companionship, comfort, guidance, compact and advice of the decedent to the persons entitled to the damages recovered, the reaspnable funeral and burial expenses of the decedent; and such other and further damages as may be allowed by law.
- For such other and further relief as this court deems appropriate.

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#### COUNT XI

(Negligence-Conscions Pain and Suffering - Defendant Zäherman)

- 48. Paragraphs 1-47 are adopted by reference.
- 49. This cause of action is brought pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 229, §6 for personal injuries and conscious pain and suffering.

#### REQUEST FOR RELIEF

- 1. Under Court XI, that this court easer judgment in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant for personal injuries and conscious pain and suffering damages caumerated in Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 229, §6.
- 2. For such other and further relief as this court decens appropriate.

#### COUNT XII

(Grass Negligance-Wrongini Death-Defendant Elibermen)

- 50. Paragraphs 1-49 are adopted by reference.
- 51 The death of plaintiff's decedent was proximately caused by the willful, wanton or reckless conduct of the defendant, or by the gross negligence of the defendant.

#### REQUEST FOR RELIEF

- Under Count XII that this court enter judgment in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant for punitive damages pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 229, \$2 in an appount not less than five thousand dollars.
- 2. For such other and further relief as this court doors appropriate.

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#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

#### WHEREFORE Plaintiff sake that this court:

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- Enter judgment in favor of the Plaintiff on each and every count of the Complaint;
- 2) Award damages as appropriate, including but not limited to all damages requested in rach and every count in the Complaint, and other damages to which the Plaintiff is entitled by law; and
- Order such other and further relief as this Court decays appropriate.

### THE FLAINTIFF REQUESTS TRIAL BY JURY ON ALL COUNTS

Respectfully submitted.

ZHANNA CHIZHIK.

By her attorneys,

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January 15, 2004

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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DISCOVERY ORDER

TAURO..J.:

On or before, April 16, 04 the parties shall—have exchanged and reviewed (1) all documents in accordance with Local Rule 26.2(A), and (2) sworn statements in accordance with Local Rule 26.1(B), and (3)—a list of persons they wish to depose, thereby being in a position to knowledgeably prepare for the court's consideration at the scheduling conference.

In addition, the parties shall, without awaiting a discovery request, provide to other parties:

- (A) the name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable information relevant to disputed facts alleged with particularity in the pleadings, identifying the subjects of the information and
- (B) a copy of, or a description by category and location of, all documents, data compilations, and tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the party that are relevant to disputed facts alleged with particularity in the pleadings.

No additional discovery shall take place without further order of the court.

Counsel shall notify the court in writing, no less than <u>{5} days</u> prior to the scheduled conference, of pending motions. Any motion not brought to the court's attention <u>{5}</u> days prior to the scheduled conference will be deemed denied as most.

The court does not accept any letters requesting decision or action. Any such request must be in the form of a motion. Letters submitted for information purposes only must be addressed to Zita Lovett, Deputy Clerk.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

By the Court,

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Zita Lovett, DEPUTY CLERK

#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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C.A. NO.:

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MARINE AND TACKLE, INC., and GREGORY ZILBERMAN.

Defendants

#### PLAINTIFF ZHANNA CHIZHIK'S AUTOMATIC DISCLOSURE

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a), the plaintiff, Zhanna Chizhik

("Ms. Chizhik") makes the following disclosures:

- A. The name, and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable information that Ms. Chizhik may use to support her claims or defenses, unless solely for impeachment, identifying the subjects of the information:
- Amir Lashgari
   current address unknown
   (Believed to be aboard the boat when it capsized)
- Gregory Zilberman
   Dexter Street, Stoughton, MA
   (Believed to be the owner and captain of the boat; aboard the boat when it capsized)
- 3. Zhanna Chizhik (the plaintiff administratrix of the estate of the deceased, Grigory Chizhik)

- 5. United States Coast Guard personnel
- 6. Eric McDonald

(current address unknown)

(came upon boat after incident)

Plaintiff reserves the right to include all witnesses named by any one of the defendants in this matter. Plaintiff also reserves the right to supplement this list as discovery progresses.

- Representatives from defendants Sea Hunt and Tropicland Marine and Tackle 7.
- A copy of, or a description by category and location of, all documents, data compilations, and tangible things that are in the possession, custody, or control of the party and that the disclosing party may use to support its claims or defenses, unless solely for impeachment:
- 1. Copy of the Coast Guard search and rescue documents arising out of this incident.

Plaintiff reserves the right to include all documents named by any one of the defendants in this matter. Plaintiff also reserves the right to supplement this list as discovery progresses.

A computation of any category of damages claimed by the disclosing party, C. making available for inspection and copying as under Rule 34 the documents or other evidentiary material, not privileged or protected from disclosure, on which such computation is based, including materials bearing on the nature and extent of injuries suffered:

Plaintiffs seek recovery for wrongful death damages, including but not limited to lost wages, loss of consortium, other pecuniary loss, conscious pain and suffering, and other damages. Plaintiff reserves the right to supplement this disclosure concerning this matter as discovery progresses.

Any insurance agreement under which any person carrying on an insurance business may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment which may be entered in the action or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the judgment:

None in the plaintiff's possession, custody, or control.

ZHANNA CHIZHIK,

By her attorneys,

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April 16, 2004

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Dept Fisheries, Wildlife & Env Law Enforcement DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

#### **BOAT REGISTRATION CLASS II - 16 TO 26 FEET**

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**GREGORY ZILBERMAN** 9 DEXTER ST. STOUGHTON, MA 02072

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Signature:

1. Report within 15 days changes of ownership, address, destruction, transfer,theft or abandonment of vessel. Report within 2 days the above for recrea itional vehicles to Law Enforcement, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114.

2. Operator is required to:

 A. Always carry certificate of number on vesset.
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Report every accident involving death within 48 hours and every accident involving injury to person(s) or property damage over \$500 or property damage over \$50 for recreational vehicles within 5 days to this division. Ph: 1 800-632-8075

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**GREGORY ZILBERMAN** 

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts Mitt Romney, Governor Kerry Healey, Lt. Governor

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5720 June 12, 2003

The Kaplan/Bond Group Attn: Mr. David B. Kaplan. Boston Fish Pier, West Building, Suite 304 Boston, Ma. 02210

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act request. You requested information from the U.S. Coast Guard, regarding the search and rescue case file for a 20-foot recreational boating accident that took place in Boston Harbor on May 25, 2003.

As you requested, contained herein are copies of U.S. Coast Guard documents from the Search and Rescue file. Personal information is exempt from release under 5 U.S.C 552 (b)(6), and has been redacted from these documents.

If you have any further questions, please contact Petty Officer Austin Nagle of my office. He can be reached at (617) 223-8460.

Sincerely,

C. J. HARWOOD

Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Coast Guard Assistant Chief, Office of Search and Rescue By direction of the District Commander

**Enclosure:** 

(1) SAR Case file

### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U. S. Coast Guard

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Release No. 042-03 Contact: Public Affairs 617-921-6358

May 25, 2003 8 p.m.

### Victim of boating accident in Boston Harbor identified

BOSTON – The names of the three men involved in today's boating accident near Shag Rock in Boston Harbor have been released.

Dead is Gregory Schizhik, 47. His hometown is not available.

Rescued are the owner of the boat, Gregory Zilberman, 47, and passenger Amire Lashgari, 41. Their hometowns are not available. They were treated at South Shore Hospital. Their conditions are unknown.

The owner of the Good Samaritan vessel that rescued Zilberman and Lashgari is Eric McDonald. His hometown is not available.

Zilberman and Lashgari were rescued by McDonald and four other passengers after the two men spent nearly two hours in the 50 degree water near Shag Rock. Schizhik was found in the water nearby and later pronounced dead at Boston Medical Center.

None of the three men were wearing life jackets.

The trio was fishing from Zilberman's 20-foot recreational boat when they were broadsided by a wave, then flipped over by a second wave.

The Coast Guard received a call from the Massachusetts State Police at about 2:55 p.m. that an unidentified Good Samaritan had come upon one person, in the water, and two others clinging to the rocks on Shag Rock.

The sea conditions at the time of the accident were 3-foot seas and 10-knot winds out of the northeast.

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### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U. S. Coast Guard

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Release No. 041-03 Contact: Public Affairs

617-921-6358

May 25, 2003 4:30 p.m.

One dead after boat capsizes near Boston Light

IVO Brewster Idan BOSTON - One person is dead and two others were pulled from Shag Rock, a small island about two miles north of Hull, Mass., after their boat capsized shortly before 3 p.m. today.

The Coast Guard received a call from the Massachusetts State Police at about 2:55 p.m. that an unidentified Good Samaritan had come upon one person, in the water, and two others clinging to the rocks on Shag Rock.

Simultaneously, Coast Guard Station Point Allerton heard a Mayday call from boaters in that same area, and immediately launched two rescue boats. As they approached the area, they were met by a Good Samaritan, who had rescued the two people found on Shag Rock.

The two survivors were transferred to one of the Coast Guard rescue boats and taken back to Station Point Allerton. They were met by emergency medical services and taken to South Shore Hospital.

The second Coast Guard boat was led back to the scene by the Good Samaritan and recovered the third victim. The Coast Guard transferred the victim to the Boston Harbormaster, and was later pronounced dead by emergency medical service personnel.

Identification of the three people will be made available, pending notification of next of kin. Coast Guard crews are attempting to relocate the capsized boat and determine how the accident happened.

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SUBJ: SITREP ONE AND FINAL - CAPSIZED BOAT WITH 03 PIW - OUTER BOSTON HARBOR - 42-20.3N 070-53.0W

PERIOD: 251452Q MAY 03 TO 251710Q MAY 03.

- 1. SITUATION:
  - A. CASE CLOSED
  - B. NOTIFICATION: 251452Q MAY 03, VHF FM CH16 MR. ERIK MACDONALD.
  - C. NARRATIVE: RCVD CALL BOTH VHF AND CELL PHONE REPORTING A CAPSIZED VSL WITH 03 PIW. CG41354, CG220529 AND CG6042 RESPONDED. GOOD SAM VSL RECOVERED 02 OF THE PIW AND TRANSFERRED THEM TO CG41354. CG220529 RECOVERED THE 3RD PIW, ADMINISTERED CPR AND TRANSFERRED THE VICTEM TO BOSTON EMS.
  - D. DESC: 22' SEA HUNT PLEASURE CRAFT. REG # MS9367AF
  - E. POB INFO: 03

O/O: GREGORY ZILBERMAN PA: AMIR LASHGARI DOB ( PA: GREGORY CHIZHIK DOB 4

- F. WX: WIND NNE 10 KTS, SEAS 2-3FT, VIS: 08NM, AT: 65, WT: 50F. 2. ACTION TAKEN:
  - A. 251452Q RCVD INITIAL CALL OVER CH 16, NEG RESPONSE TO CALL BACKS. ASSUMED SMC
  - B. 1453Q DICC PATCHED CELL PHONE CALLER RPTNG POSITION TO BE BETWEEN BOSTON AND GRAVES LIGHT, PHONE CALL CUT OFF.
  - C. 1454Q CG41354 U/W.
  - D. 1458Q ISSUED UMIB.
  - E. 1504Q REESTABLISHED COMMS WITH R/S.
  - F. 1508Q CG41354 O/S WITH GOOD SAM VSL.
  - G. 1511Q CG41354 HAS 02 SURVIVORS O/B ENRT STA POINT ALLERTON, AND CONFIRM 01 PIW STILL MISSING.
  - H. 1521Q CG220529 O/S WITH CAPSIZED VSL.
  - I. 1523Q CG41354 M/S TRANSFERRING 2 VICTEMS TO EMS.
  - J. 1525Q CG220529 HAS LOCATED PIW.
  - K. 1526Q CG6042 AIRBORNE ETA 13 MINUTES.
  - L. 1528Q CG220529 HAS PIW ONBOARD.
  - M. 1530Q BOSTON PD VSL WITH EMT IS O/S WITH CG220529.
  - N. 1534Q ADVISED CG6042 TO STAND DOWN.

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- O. 1535Q CG220529 ENRT BPD MOORING TO MEET EMS.
- P. 1537Q CANCELED UMIB.
- Q. 1540Q O2 VICTEMS ENRT SOUTH SHORE MEDICAL CENTER.
- R. 1557Q CG220529 MOORED BPD MOORING.
- S. 1602Q VICTEM HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO BOSTON EMS.
- T. 1606Q CG220529 RTB.
- U. 1607Q CG41354 BACK OS/ WITH CAPSIZED VSL.
- V. 1629Q CG41354 ADVISES NO DEBRIS IN THE AREA, VSL IS HUNG ON A ROCK AND CURRENTLY NOT A HAZARD TO NAVIGATION.
- W. 1710Q BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER ADVISED GREGORY CHIZHIK WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD.
- 3. FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE.
- 4. AMPLIFYING INFO:
  - A. CASE INFO: BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER MADE NOK NOTIFICATION. THE VESSEL REMAINS AGROUND ON A ROCK, NO DEBRIS OR POLLUTION OBSERVED.
  - B. RESULTS OF BOARDINGS: NONE
  - C. STATUS OF AIDS TO NAVIGATION IN AREA OF INCIDENT. N/A
  - D. POLLUTION. NONE.
  - E. MEDIA INTEREST. MODERATE.
- 5. CASE STATUS:
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  - B. SORTIE DATA:

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C. UCN:

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\* when directed

### (Note 1) Major or Significant Marine Casualties (including those involving recreational vessels)

Immediately upon receipt of information concerning a major or significant marine casualty, the OCMI shall inform the District Commander (m), Area Commander, and Commandant (G-MOA) via Flag Plot through the Command Center by the most rapid means available (usually by telephone). Notification should be based on reliable information, and should <u>not</u> be delayed while filing reports that may be required. Essential information, including the names of the vessels involved, their Official Numbers, nationality, the location, known and possible deaths and serious injuries, the nature of the casualty. It is imperative that (G-MOA) be advised of the essential facts without delay, even though some information may be missing or of questionable accuracy. Initial notification should state the type of investigation to be conducted or contain a recommendation to convene a marine board, and should be confirmed by message or e-mail as soon as possible.

- The duty m watch stander will brief "up the chain" through the Command Center via a telephone patch
- The up-brief will be monitored and logged above by the cc Controller or Assistant Controller

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## MARIN CASUALTY OR ACCIDENT (.4-03)

#### Amplifying Information

Ref: (a) 46 CFR 4.03

(b) Marine Safety Manual, Vol. 5

Marine Casualty Or Accident. A marine casualty or accident shall mean any casualty or accident involving any vessel other than public vessels if such casualty or accident occurs upon the navigable waters\* of the United States, its territories or possessions or any casualty or accident wherever such casualty or accident may occur involving any United States' vessel which is not a public vessel. The classifications of marine casualties are listed below.

\*Navigable waters of the United States, navigable waters, and territorial waters mean, except where Congress has designated them not to be navigable waters of the United States: (1) Territorial seas of the United States; (2) Internal waters of the United States that are subject to tidal influence; and (3) Internal waters of the United States not subject to tidal influence that: (i) Are or have been used, or are or have been susceptible for use, by themselves or in connection with other waters, as highways for substantial interstate or foreign commerce, notwithstanding natural or man-made obstructions that require portage, or (ii) A governmental or non-governmental body, having expertise in waterway improvement, determines to be capable of improvement at a reasonable cost (a favorable balance between cost and need) to provide, by themselves or in connection with other waters, highways for substantial interstate or foreign commerce. (In general, this applies to the territorial sea and contiguous zone, i.e. 12-mile limit.)

- (1) Major Marine Casualty. This term includes marine casualties or recreational boating accidents\* that meet the criteria contained in the joint Coast Guard (CG)/NTSB regulations (46 CFR 4.40); these require the Commandant to notify the NTSB of the casualty. These criteria, set forth in 46 CFR 4.40-5(d), state that a major marine casualty involves a vessel other than a public vessel (as defined in 46 CFR 4.03-40) and results in one of the following:
  - (a) The loss of six or more lives:
  - (b) The loss of a mechanically propelled vessel of 100 or more gross tons (GT);
  - (c) Property damage initially estimated at \$500,000 or more;
- (d) "Serious threat" (as determined by the Commandant with concurrence by the NTSB chairperson) to life, property, or the marine environment by hazardous materials.
- \* Recreational boating accidents (see chapter 6 of reference (b): the owner or operator of a boat or vessel involved in a boating casualty or accident shall report the casualty or accident to a state reporting authority or, if no approved state reporting authority exists, to the Coast Guard. Reports of violation for failure to report a boating accident should be processed under 46 U.S.C. 6103, which provides for a maximum penalty of \$1,000 against the operator. This penalty procedure applies to operators of all vessels, not merely recreational craft. Public vessels are exempt.
- (2) <u>Public/Nonpublic Vessel Casualty</u>. Under the CG/NTSB joint regulations, the Commandant must notify the NTSB of all casualties that involve a public and a nonpublic vessel and at least one fatality or \$75,000 in property damage. (See 46 CFR 4.40-10(b)(2).)
- (3) <u>Serious Marine Incident</u>. This term includes the following events involving a vessel in commercial service:

(a) Any marine casualty or accident as defined above that is required by 46 CFR 4.05-1\* to be reported to the Coast Guard and which results in any of the following:

one or more deaths;

(2) an injury to a crewmember, passenger, or other person which requires professional medical treatment beyond first aid, and, in the case of a person employed on board a vessel in commercial service, which renders the individual unfit to perform routine vessel duties;

(3) damage to property, as defined in 46 CFR 4-05-1(a)(7), in excess of \$100,000;

- (4) actual or constructive total loss of any vessel subject to inspection under 46 U.S.C. 3301; or
- (5) actual or constructive total loss of any self-propelled, not subject to inspection under 46 U.S.C. 3301, of 100 gross tons or more.

(b) A discharge of oil of 10,000 gallons or more into the navigable waters of the United States, as defined in 33 U.S.C. 1321, whether or not resulting from a marine casualty.

(c) A discharge of a reportable quantity of a hazardous substance into the navigable waters of the United States, or a release of a reportable quantity of a hazardous substance into the environment of the United States, whether or not resulting from a marine casualty.

#### \*46 CFR 4.05-1: - unintended grounding or allision with bridge;

- intended grounding or strike of bridge that creates a hazard to navigation, the environment, or the safety of the vessel;
- loss of main propulsion, primary steering, or any associated component or control system that reduces the maneuverability of the vessel;
- an occurrence materially or adversely affecting the vessel's seaworthiness or fitness for service or route, including but not limited to fire, flooding, or failure or damage to fixed fire-extinguishing systems, lifesaving equipment, auxiliary power-generating equipment, or bilge-pumping systems; a loss of life;
- an injury that requires professional medical treatment (treatment beyond first aid) and, if the person is engaged or employed on board a vessel in commercial service, that renders the individual unfit to perform his or her routine duties; or an occurrence causing property damage in excess of \$25,000, this damage including the cost of labor and material to restore the property to its condition before the occurrence, but not including the cost of salvage, cleaning, gasfreeing, drydocking, or demurrage.
- (4) <u>Significant Marine Casualty</u>. Significant marine casualties are those that involve important safety issues or cause substantial media interest. Significant marine casualties generally involve the following:
  - (a) Multiple deaths or a single death caused by unusual circumstances;
  - (b) Hazard to life, property, or the marine environment (e.g., sinking of a chlorine barge); or
  - (c) The loss of any inspected vessel.

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MARINE CASUALTY OR ACCIDENT (M-03) for (cc) use (Including Recreational Vessels involved in a Major Marine Casualty only)
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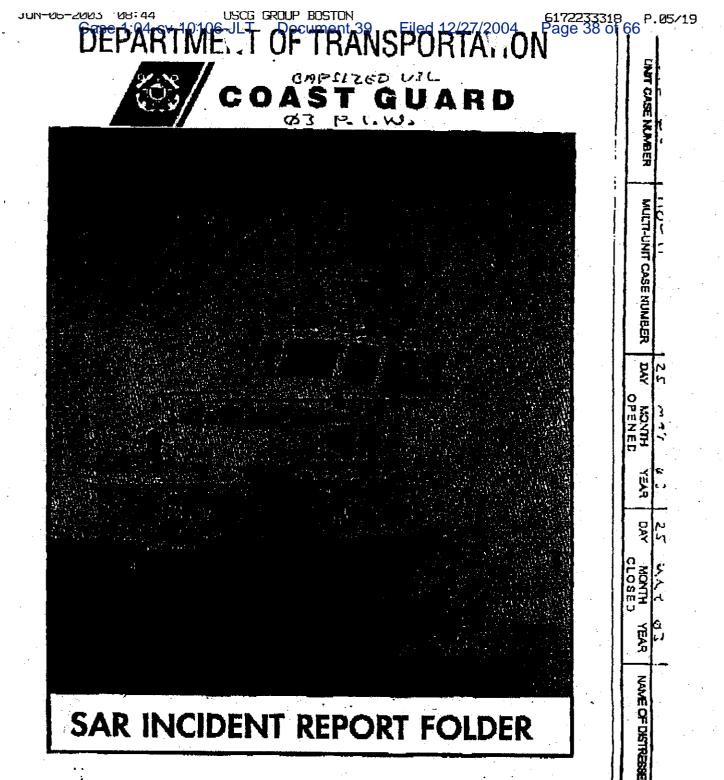
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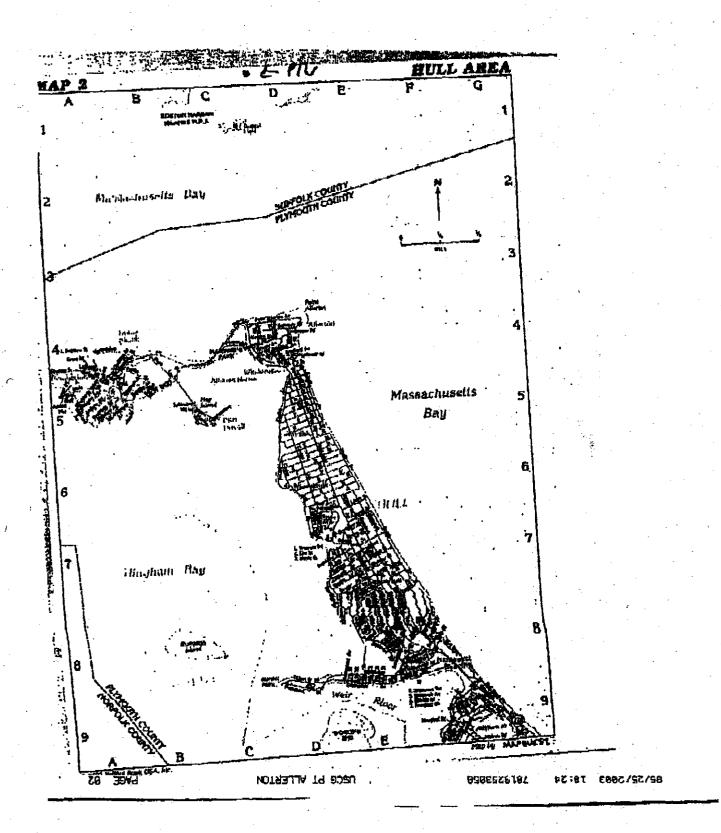
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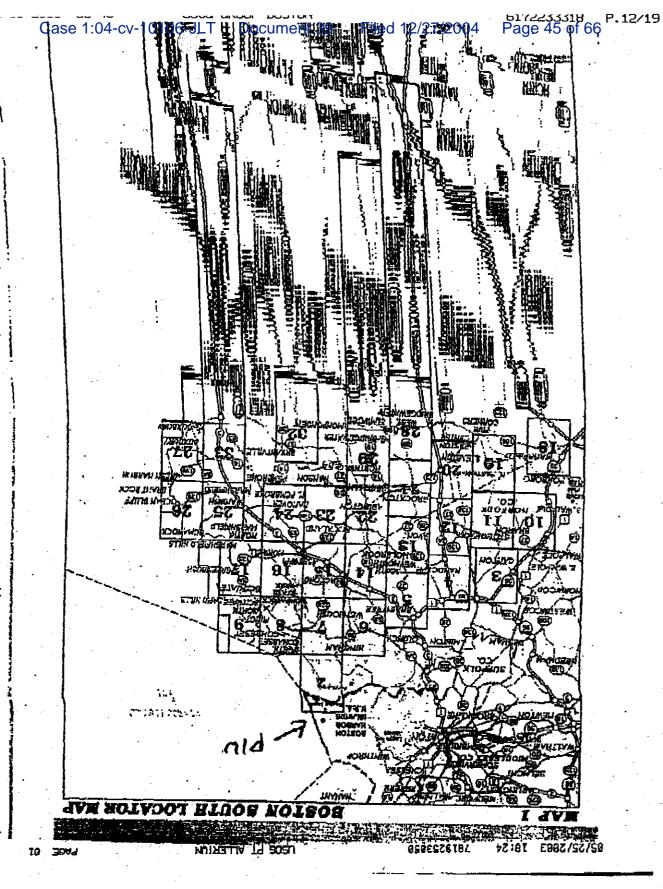
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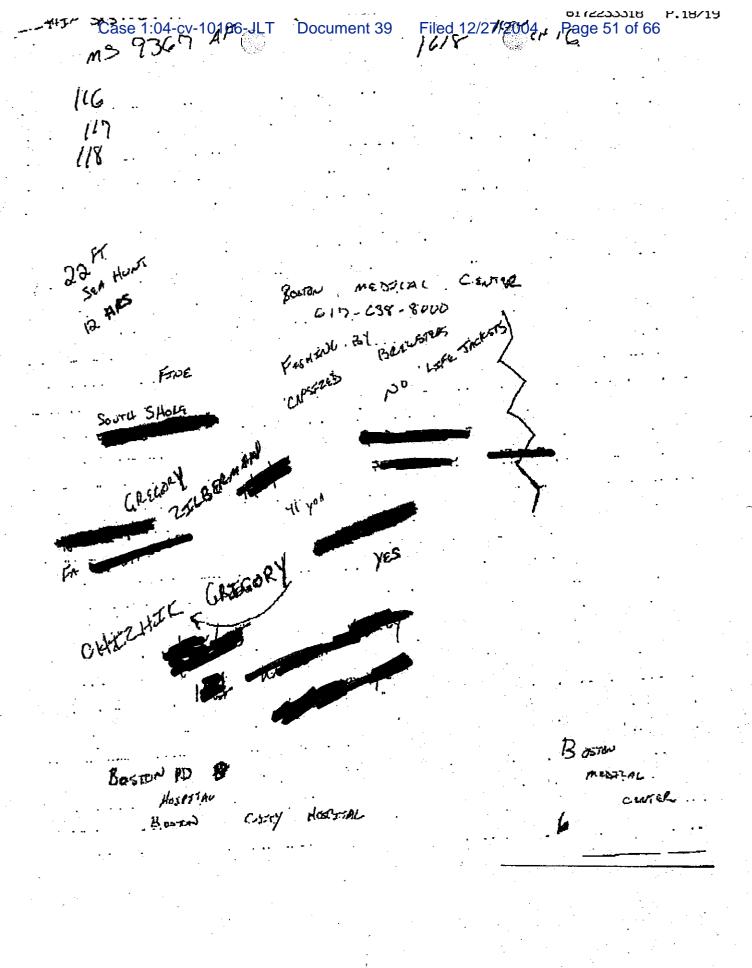
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#### Please Respond to Quincy

May 10, 2004

Timothy M. Barouch, Esq. The Kaplan/Bond Group Boston Fish Pier, West Building, Suite 304 Boston, MA 02210

Re:

Zhanna Chikhik v. Sea Hunt Boats, Inc., et al.

Civil Action No. 04-10106JLT

Dear Mr. Barouch:

I received your letter of May 5, 2004, concerning supplementation of Ms. Chizhik's automatic disclosure pursuant to Rule 26 Fed.R.Civ.P. Although I certainly believe that tax returns of the decedent and available autopsy records and material must be produced by you in supplementation of responses previously made, we do not believe that these documents are sufficient to fully comply with Ms. Chizhik's disclosure obligations. The following constitutes some of the documents and materials which we believe must be produced.

As Ms. Chizhik alleges damages for wrongful death of her decedent, we believe that her decedent's pre-accident medical condition is placed squarely at issue. Your letter reflects willingness to execute medical records release authorizations in order that the defendants can obtain the decedent's records directly. I have enclosed several such records release authorizations for Ms. Chizhik's signature. However, in order to be useful, we request that Ms. Chizhik disclose the names and addresses of all physicians, hospitals, providers of health care treatment, examination or services for the ten years preceding the decedent's demise. Through our disclosure and production of executed releases will enable us to fully and fairly investigate the plaintiff's decedents pre-accident health condition.

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To the extent that Ms. Chizhik will claim loss of her decedent's income, we ask that she voluntarily disclose the names, addresses and identity of any employer of Mr. Chizhik for the five years preceding his death. We also ask that she voluntarily disclose each and every source of additional income which the plaintiff's decedent found during the five years preceding his demise. Provision of such information prior to Ms. Chizhik's deposition will enable us to ask the questions which must be asked to fully investigate any claim which she may make for loss of income of her decedent.

As of the date of the pre-trial conference, you were unable to identify specifically Mr. Chizhik's adult children. Kindly provide the full names and addresses of Mr. Chizhik's children. Additionally, if Ms. Chizhik is aware of others who potentially stand to gain from Mr. Chizhik's income and services had he survived the subject incident, kindly provide the names of each such person and state the nature of each such person's relationship to the plaintiff's decedent.

In several telephone conversations we have had since the outset of our involvement in this litigation, we have asked that you specifically identify the defect(s), if any, which you allege were present in the subject vessel and which you allege was a substantial factor in causing the subject accident. To my recollection, Judge Turo inquired whether the plaintiffs had disclosed to the defendants their theory of the case or theory of liability. Kindly state specifically each defect which your client alleges was present in the subject vessel at the time of the accident which you allege was a substantial factor in causing the subject accident. This information is obviously necessary to fully explore your client's claim and to compare the defendants' response to the same.

If your client seeks recovery of funeral expenses and/or the cost and expense of the disposition of her decedent's remains, we ask that you provide to us all records within her possession concerning the funeral and/or disposition of Mr. Chizhik's remains.

Additionally, if you intend to seek recovery of any item of special damages other than Mr. Chizhik's medical expenses lost, earning capacity and funeral expenses, we ask that you provide us with all documentation which the plaintiff may have in relation to any such item of damages.

As the Court has denied the parties the opportunity of written discovery it is imperative that the plaintiff comply fully and fairly with her obligations under Rule 26. I do not agree that your provision of tax returns for the decedent and autopsy records will fully satisfy Ms. Chizhik's obligations of automatic disclosure. I look forward to your response.

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Very truly yours,

William P. Breen, Jr.

WPB/jm Enclosures

cc: David W. McGough, Esq.

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July 12, 2004

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Re:

Zhanna Chikhik v. Sea Hunt Boats, Inc., et al.

Civil Action No. 04-10106JLT

Dear Attorney Barouch:

At the initial scheduling conference of this matter, I expressed concern to the Court that the information made available by the plaintiff to Sea Hunt Boats at that time did not disclose a specific defect or defects in the Navigator 22 vessel upon which the plaintiff relies in support of her product liability allegation. To my recollection, the Court responded that the plaintiff's mandatory disclosure would/should be sufficiently specific to identify the substance of her product liability allegation. I have received and examined the plaintiff's production materials and disclosure of information provided in her supplemental disclosure in June, but these documents do not make clear what defect(s) in the Navigator 22 are alleged to have been a substantial factor in causing the Mr. Chizhik's alleged accident and injuries. Accordingly, Sea Hunt Boats, Inc. now calls upon the plaintiff to identify each and every product defect which the plaintiff alleges was present in the Navigator 22 at the time of the subject accident which the plaintiff alleges was a substantial factor in causing her decedent's accident and injuries.

The plaintiff's disclosure includes a cover sheet bearing the title "Standards and Technical Information Reports for Small Craft, July 2001" and the insignia of the ABYC, with one attached page containing numbered paragraphs 10 and 11 concerning guard rails. No other

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purported standards are attached. Does the plaintiff contend that (1) these paragraphs are standards applicable to the Navigator 22; (2) that the Navigator 22 did not meet these standards; and/or (3) if the plaintiff claims that the Navigator 22 did not meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs 10 and 11, that the Navigator 22's lack of such features was a substantial factor in causing the subject accident and injuries? Does the plaintiff allege that the Navigator 22 was defective in any respect other than the height of its guard rails? Does the plaintiff allege that any other standards are applicable to the Navigator 22 which were not satisfied by the Navigator 22's design or manufacture? Please answer these questions and identify each and every way in which you contend that the Navigator 22 was defective, and which defect was a substantial factor in causing the plaintiff's decedent's accident and injuries. If the plaintiff fails or refuses to identify the alleged defects in the subject vessel, Sea Hunt Boats intends to make this refusal the basis of a motion to preclude the plaintiff from asserting theories of product defect not explicitly identified to Sea Hunt Boats at trial.

Your production also includes a copy of page 11 and the back cover to a brochure published by Sea Hunt Boats. Does that plaintiff assert that any other printed or otherwise communicated statement or representation made by Sea Hunt Boats serves as a basis for liability to the plaintiff? If so, please identify any such document or statement to us at your very earliest convenience. If the plaintiff fails or refuses to identify any such alleged statements by Sea Hunt Boats concerning the subject vessel which the plaintiff claims support's her claim of liability against Sea Hunt Boats, Sea Hunt Boats will make this refusal the basis of a motion to preclude the plaintiff from asserting theories of liability based on statements attributed to Sea Hunt Boats at trial.

The plaintiff's failure to identify specifically the alleged defects or statements upon which her claim of product liability is based may be the result of the parties' inability to serve interrogatories requiring specification of the plaintiff's theory of product defect. Nevertheless, Sea Hunt Boats is entitled to know the plaintiff's theory of product defect and the Court plainly contemplated that the plaintiff's mandatory disclosure would provide this information to the defendants. The Court's discussion surrounding its decision that mandatory disclosure would serve in lieu of formal written discovery manifested an intention that there be a consequence to a party's failure to provide full and fair disclosure. It is imperative that we know the plaintiff's theory of product defect before substantive discovery begins with depositions to be scheduled in August.

Please contact me in writing with a complete list of any defect(s) which the plaintiff alleges were present in the subject Navigator 22, and which the plaintiff contends was a substantial factor in causing her decedent's accident and injuries. If you contend that any

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statement made by Sea Hunt Boats was a substantial factor in causing the plaintiff's decedent's accident and injuries, please identify each such statement specifically by substance, date and mode. Please provide the information requested in this letter at your very earliest convenience and at the latest, on or before July 30, 2004.

I look forward to your reply.

Very truly yours,

William P. Breen, Jr.

#### WPB/jm

cc:

David W. McGough, Esq. David C. Stadolnik, Esq. Philip M. Hirshberg, Esq.

#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

ZHANNA CHIZHIK, \*

Administratrix of the Estate of Grigory Chizhik,

**Plaintiff** 

V.

C.A. NO.:

04-10106-ЛLТ

SEA HUNT, INC., TROPICLAND MARINE AND TACKLE, INC., and GREGORY ZILBERMAN, Defendants

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#### PLAINTIFF ZHANNA CHIZHIK'S SWORN STATEMENT

Pursuant to Local Rule 26.1(B)(1) the plaintiff, Zhanna Chizhik ("Ms. Chizhik") makes the following sworn statement:

A. Itemization of economic loss and a computation of damages

This is an action for wrongful death of Ms. Chizhik's husband, Grigory Chizhik. As such, the plaintiff seeks damages in wrongful death including, but not limited to the following: lost wages, conscious pain and suffering, loss of consortium, and other categories of damages related to the wrongful death of her husband, Grigory Chizhik. These damages are not capable of precise itemization at this time.

- B. Persons known who witnessed and/or participated in the occurrence giving rise to this claim or otherwise known or believed to have substantial discoverable information about the claim or defenses:
- 1. Amir Lashgari (believed to have been aboard the boat);
- 2. Gregory Zilberman (believed to have been aboard the boat);
- 3. U.S. Coast Guard personnel (believed to have been involved in a search and rescue mission);
- 4. Eric McDonald (believed to have come upon the boat after it capsized);
- 5. Representatives from Defendant Sea Hunt (concerning alleged defects and breaches of warranties of the boat); and
- 6. Representatives from defendant Tropicland Marine and Tackle (concerning alleged defects and breaches of alleged warranties of the boat).
- C. Opposing parties, officers, directors and employees from who statements have been obtained by the claimant:

None.

D. All government agencies now known to claimant or the claimant's attorney that have investigated the occurrence giving rise to this claim:

The United States Coast Guard. Plaintiff has produced copies of documents produced by the Coast Guard pursuant to plaintiff's FOIA request in this matter.

Plaintiff Zhanna Chizik states under the pains and penalties of perjury that the above information is correct as of the date of this document, based upon information and belief.

ZHANNA CHIZHIK,

By her attorneys,

TIMOTHY M. BAROUCH, BBO#644044

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April 30, 2004

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Timothy M. Barouch, hereby certify that on May 3, 2004, I served a copy of the following document:

#### 1. Plaintiff Zhanna Chizhik's Sworn Statement

By mailing same first class postage prepaid to:

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Plaintiffs seek recovery for wrongful death damages, including but not limited to lost wages, loss of consortium, other pecuniary loss, conscious pain and suffering, and other damages. These damages include:

Lost wages—\$24,600 x 12.8493 (14.8 years work life expectancy reduced to present value) = \$316,092.78

Funeral expenses-- \$8,422.40

Loss of Consortium— $$24,600 \times 31.0 \text{ years} = $762,600$ 

Conscious pain and suffering-- \$500,000

Total computed damages-\$1,587,115.10

- Persons known who witnessed and/or participated in the occurrence giving rise to B. this claim or otherwise known or believed to have substantial discoverable information about the claim or defenses:
- 1. Amir Lashgari (believed to have been aboard the boat):
- 2. Gregory Zilberman (believed to have been aboard the boat);
- 3. U.S. Coast Guard personnel (believed to have been involved in a search and rescue mission);
- 4. Eric McDonald (believed to have come upon the boat after it capsized);
- 5. Representatives from Defendant Sea Hunt (concerning alleged defects and breaches of warranties of the boat); and
- 6. Representatives from defendant Tropicland Marine and Tackle (concerning alleged defects and breaches of alleged warranties of the boat).
- 7. All individuals listed on the various disclosures of defendants in this matter.
- 8. Relevant medical providers already identified.
- C. Opposing parties, officers, directors and employees from who statements have been obtained by the claimant:

None.

All government agencies now known to claimant or the claimant's attorney that D. have investigated the occurrence giving rise to this claim:

The United States Coast Guard. Plaintiff has produced copies of documents produced by the Coast Guard pursuant to plaintiff's FOIA request in this matter.

Any entity listed on the disclosures of the each defendant in this matter.

Plaintiff Zhanna Chizik states under the pains and penalties of perjury that the above information is correct as of the date of this document, based upon information and belief.

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By her attorneys,

June 4, 2004

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Timothy M. Barouch, hereby certify that on June 4, 2004, I served a copy of the following document:

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